State and it is a matter for congratulation that they receive aid from Government. About Rs. 15,000 is being annually expended on their account and 64 Vaidyasalas are at present aided by Government. As necessity is established, more will be opened. The Superintendent of native Vaidyasalas has been recently given instructions to go about the country inspecting these institutions and suggest any improvements that may be deemed necessary. Generally the Vaidyasalas are well maintained, but some of them may require change of locality, others a change in the personnel, and some others increased allotment of funds as suggested. All these matters will be attended to and the needful done.

161. Establishment of veterinary hospitals in important centres.

Mr. S. Krishna Iyer, B. A., B. L., (*T. I. C., Alleppey*) remarked that this was a subject brought forward at the last session of the Assembly and that he only wished to draw the attention of Government to the necessity of paying early attention to the matter.

Reply.—This subject is already engaging the attention of Government. The Government Veterinarian who seems to be doing useful work here was asked to submit certain proposals for extending the benefit of the veterinary art to the outlying parts of the State. His suggestions have been received and it is seen that more funds and trained officers are required for carrying them out. The idea is to appoint a stock Inspector. A student who has gone to Madras for a course of training is expected to return soon. Something will be done as early as practicable.

VII. Education.

162. Necessity for increasing the pay of Schoolmasters.

Mr. K. C. Eapen, B. A., (Kshemathalpara Samajam, Kadapra, Tiruvallah) said that the question of education was not considered by Government as of equal importance with others and that this was clear from the fact that schoolmasters were given only very poor salaries. Even among them, there was one scale of pay for the teachers of His Highness the Maharajah's High School at Trivandrum and another for His Highness the Maharajah's High Schools in other parts of the State. Not to speak of other differences, he begged to point out that while the latter received only biennial increments, the former had the privilege of getting annual increases to their salaries. Further, there was difference in the

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pay of the head masters of Government High Schools and those of aided ones. In consideration of the quiet and useful work in which schoolmasters were engaged, he pleaded that an increase of pay might be given to them and the invidious differences of treatment that now existed in the Educational department might be removed for ever.

Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (Parur) represented that it was not possible to get the best men to teach the primary classes as their present pay was so miserably low, but the whole question depended upon finance, and all that he could do was to request Government to take up the question of improving the status of primary school teachers as early as practicable.

Reply.—Government consider the subject of education as no less important than others and it will claim their attention equally with the latter. As regards the difference of pay mentioned by Mr. Eapen, it cannot be helped, as the institution at the Capital is looked upon as a model institution and the same differences obtain in British India also. I need only cite the instance of the Kumbakonam and Rajmundry colleges on the one hand and the Presidency College in Madras on the other. This difference does and must exist here as elsewhere. So far as increments are concerned, they were fixed long ago and it is doubtful whether at this distance of time it is advisable to alter them. Anyhow, the suggestions made by the members will be kept in view and relief afforded whenever possible.

163. Necessity for the introduction of an Inspection Code for the Educational department.

Mr. T. Marthandan Tampi, B. A., (Trivandrum) observed that this was a subject which he had brought forward last year and Government then promised early consideration. The introduction of an Inspection Code would help the position of teachers and private school managers considerably and act as a wholesome check on the irregularities of the inspecting staff.

Reply.—Detailed instructions are being issued from time to time to the Inspectors, and after watching their effect, the subject of codification will be taken in hand.

164. Protest against the raising of fees in boys' schools and the levy of fees in girls' schools.

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